

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: October 02, 1999**

Markets were generally steady. Demand ranged light to good, best where features were planned. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared for trade needs. Undertone was at least steady. Weights were desirable to heavy.

	FOOD SERVICE/ FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	28,439	34,969	46,784	110,192
Percentage	26 %	32%	42%	100 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weight	RTC WOG Weight	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	4,435	4.03
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,324	6.65
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	7,716	7.00
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>8,964</u>	<u>8.13</u>
		28,439	25.81%

BOILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Aug 14	178,699	102	144,782	104	183,766	103	147,682	103	153,926	101
Aug 21	181,140	103	142,681	104	185,076	103	147,145	103	154,016	100
Aug 28	179,531	102	140,631	102	183,085	103	146,948	103	157,438	102
Sept 04	177,063	102	140,651	102	180,186	102	145,458	104	156,031	99
Sept 11	167,410	100	140,042	100	179,588	104	143,256	105	135,122	86
Sept 18	169,824	102	140,850	102	179,091	103	142,001	103	152,393	113
Sept 25	167,474	100	139,289	102	182,678	104	144,956	104	155,941	102
Oct 02	174,081	100	132,676	100	181,911	104	144,988	104	153,908	99
Oct 09	167,526	98	132,286	101	179,874	103	144,744	103	153,081	99

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 10/11/99

	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
New York Grade A Ice-packed	48.07	47.27	59.43
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	46.03	43.99	62.77
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	62.81	63.08	73.45
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	55.36	53.78	67.60
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	57.66	57.31	68.07
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	31.61	31.34	49.22

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	Northeast (Delivered) 10/15/99	Southern States (FOB) 10/15/99	Georgia (FOB) 10/18/99
Breast - B/S	140.76	136.53	150.00
Tenderloins	150.32	148.52	---
Breast - Line Run	68.86	68.15	71.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	17.56	15.28	19.50
Wings	65.53	56.88	57.50